

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization; The first table provides a summary of all notifications; Individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT; simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

Please provide us with your E-mail address (on the request form). For questions regarding policy matters, call Carolyn Fillmore Wilson (202) 720-2239, otherwise Ms. Thompson at (202) 720-9124 for address/telephone changes.

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SPS	PHL/41	GMO Derived Plant & Plant Products	Philippines	02.0154	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SPS	USA/586	Food Additives	United States of America	02.0174	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/214/A2	Change in Disease Status of Portugal Because of African Swine Fever	United States of America	99.0398.A2	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TBT	KOR/34	Liquor Labels-Classification of Usage	Korea	02.0069	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	KOR/35	Livestock Products for Human Consumption Meat/Meat Products-Labeling	Korea	02.0070	<input type="checkbox"/>

FSTSD # 01.0116.A1 **Country -** Hong Kong **Product** Lifting of the Suspension of Livestock Import
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 04/09/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS HKG/13/Ad
Objective - Animal Health

Description - The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has lifted the suspension of import of live cattle, pigs, sheep and goats from the United Kingdom notified under G/SPS/N/HKG/13 with effect from 9 April 2002 following the OIE's recognition that the United Kingdom has regained its status as a foot-and-mouth disease-free country without vaccination.

Relevant document to the veterinary authority of the United Kingdom (available in English) can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point of Hong Kong, China.

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Description of content (from original notification): The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the UK has been informed that Hong Kong has suspended the importation of live cattle, pigs, sheep and goats.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem: An outbreak of foot-and-mouth

FSTSD # 01.0116.A1 **Country** - Hong Kong **Product** Lifting of the Suspension of Livestock Import disease in the UK.

FSTSD # 02.0153 **Country** - Netherlands **Product** Animal Feed

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - ASAP **WTO Type/Number** - SPS NLD/57

Objective - Animal Health, Food Safety. Thanks to notification duty, the salmonella-positive results can be examined in connection with other salmonella data of the relevant poultry batches. That should help trace the causes and grant more insight into critical feedingstuffs.

Description - This amending Decree introduces a notification procedure for all salmonella-positive results in feed for the poultry sector. In addition, procedures are being integrated in this Decree concerning compulsory quarterly reviews of salmonella tests within a company.

FSTSD # 02.0154 **Country** - Philippines **Product** GMO Derived Plant & Plant Products

Comment Deadline Date - 3/31/03 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS PHL/41

Objective - Animal Health, Food Safety, Plant Protection, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests

Description - Import restrictions imposed due to the need of preventing the entry of harmful pest and diseases in the country. The Rules and Regulations will cover the issuance of the following permits: (1) field testing of regulated articles; (2) propagation of regulated articles; (3) importation of regulated articles for direct use as food or feed or for processing; and (4) delisting of regulated article.

Products covered: any plant or plant product altered or produced through the use of modern biotechnology which may pose significant risks to human health and the environment based on available scientific and technical information.

FSTSD # 02.0173 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Pesticide: Cryolite

Comment Deadline Date - 5/24/02 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/585

Objective - Food Safety

Description - This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities.

EPA has received a pesticide petition proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of FFDCa, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by: (1) Modifying the tolerance expression in 40 CFR 180.145 (a) General. from "Tolerances are established for combined residues of the insecticidal fluorine compounds cryolite and synthetic cryolite (sodium aluminofluoride) in or on the following commodities:" to "Tolerances are established for residues of fluoride arising from the use of the insecticidal fluorine compounds cryolite and synthetic cryolite (sodium aluminofluoride), in or on the following commodities:"; (2) renewing and removing the time limitations for potato and potato waste tolerances, as an amendment to earlier petitions; (3) modifying the existing tolerances, for cucumber and kiwifruit to reflect the tolerance expression stated as residues of fluoride; (4) modifying existing tolerances for apricots, nectarines, kale, cranberry and plums (included in the tolerance modifications for plums is the relocation in 40 CFR 180.145 from (a)(1) to (a)(c)), as a followup to the Cryolite Reregistration Eligibility Decision, and as recommended by the Agency; and (5) establishing new tolerances for prunes and the berry group (Crop Group 13) as a follow-up to the Cryolite Reregistration Eligibility Decision, and as recommended by the Agency. The following specific actions are proposed:

Modify existing tolerances:

Apricots from 7 ppm to 10 parts per million (ppm)
Cucumber from 7 ppm to 4 ppm
Cranberry from 7 ppm to 2 ppm
Kale from 7 ppm to 35 ppm

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Kiwi from 15 ppm to 8 ppm

Nectarines from 7 ppm to 10 ppm

Plums from 7 ppm to 2 ppm (tolerance with regional registration)

Renew tolerances and remove time-limitation:

Potatoes - 2 ppm

Potatoes, waste from processing 22 ppm

Establish new tolerances:

Berries (crop group 13) - 0.5 ppm (replaces separate existing tolerances for blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, dewberries, loganberries, raspberries and youngberries)

Prunes - 7 ppm (tolerance with regional registration)

EPA has determined, that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2) of the FFDCa; however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time, or whether the data support granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

FSTSD # 02.0174 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Food Additives

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/586

Objective - Food Safety

Description - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a petition has been filed proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of Vitamin D3 in calcium-fortified fruit juices and fruit drinks.

FSTSD # 99.0398.A2 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Change in Disease Status of Portugal Beca

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 05/14/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/214/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM 2: APHIS is amending the regulations to remove Portugal from the list of regions where African swine fever exists. APHIS is taking this action because Portugal is now free of African swine fever. This action relieves restrictions due to African swine fever on the importation of pork and pork products into the United States from Portugal. However, because Portugal is on the list of regions where hog cholera exists and the list of regions that are subject to certain restrictions because of their proximity to or trading relationships with rinderpest- or foot-and-mouth disease-affected countries, Portugal continues to be subject to certain restrictions regarding the importation into the United States of pork and pork products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 2002.

The full text of this addendum (final rule) is available from the address below.

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FSTSD # 02.0068 **Country -** Thailand **Product** Hazardous Substances

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Comment Deadline Date - 6/18/02 **Enforcement Date -** 12/01/01 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT THA/80
Objective - To prevent the danger that may inflict upon the persons, animals, properties or environment.
Description - This ministerial notification amends the list of hazardous substances annexed to the Notification of Ministry of Industry Regarding List of Hazardous Substances dated 17 February B.E. 2538(1995). Certain hazardous substances are withdrawn as follows:

1.3 Hazardous substances under the responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture, i.e.

- AMITROLE
- CHLOROBENZILATE
- LINDANE (>99% gamma-HCH or gamma-BHC)

2.3 Hazardous substances under the responsibilities of the Department of Industrial Works, i.e.

- ASBESTOS-AMOSITE
- DI (PHENYLMERCURY) DODECENL-3-SUCCINATE
- PENTACHLOROPHENATE SODIUM

3.4 Hazardous substances under the responsibilities of the Department of Public Works, i.e.

- GASOLINE
- KEROSENE
- FUEL OIL FOR JET ENGINES
- DIESEL OIL

4.o-DICHLOROBENZENE under the responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration. In addition, hazardous substances in the list annexed to this ministerial notification will be hazardous substances in List A annexed to the Notification of Ministry of Industry Regarding List of Hazardous Substances B.E.2538(1995) in an alphabetical order.

FSTSD # 02.0069 **Country -** Korea **Product** Liquor Labels-Classification of Usage
Comment Deadline Date - 5/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** 07/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT KOR/34
Objective - Establishment of order in the distribution trade of liquor.
Description - Notification of the delegated order pertaining to the use of liquor labels.

The label for local liquors products and import products must be distinguished from liquors for at home use, discount stores and duty-free shops.

Local liquor products

- The classification of usage must be indicated on the main label
- Liquors for use at home and discount stores must be marked as "for home use" or "for discount stores" in white against a green or dark blue background. Or print the writing in a colour that can be clearly distinguished from main labels' background colour and outline with a box.
- Liquors for at home use and discount stores must have a warning that read "Not allowed to be sold in restaurants and bars" on the main label or supplementary label.

Imported liquor products

- The classification of usage must be indicated on the main label or supplementary label.
- All other thing same instruction are the same as local liquor products.

FSTSD # 02.0070 **Country -** Korea **Product** Livestock Products for Human Consumption
Comment Deadline Date - 6/20/02 **Enforcement Date -** 07/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT KOR/35
Objective - Provision of Consumer Information

FSTSD # 02.0070 **Country -** Korea

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Description - The revisions are as follows;

-Chilled livestock products for human consumption could be frozen if the freezing process if completed within the shelf-life of the chilled products.

-The product changing from chilled to frozen shall be labelled as "This product is frozen from a chilled product".

End of Report.